

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 16 are amended. Claims 9, 11, 12, 14-15, and 18 are cancelled. Claims 1-8, 13, 16-17, and 19-20 remain in the case.

Claim 17 and 18 were objected because of a spelling informality. Claim 17 has now been corrected as required.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Chan (5,116,273). Claim 13 was also rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by European reference (0193150). Claim 13 was also rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by German reference (3718729).

The allowance of claims 1-8, 10, 17, 19 and 20 are noted with appreciation. Claims 14 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim in 13 and in any intervening claims. Claim 13 has now been amended to include all of the limitations of the original claim 13 and dependent claim 14. Claim 14 has now been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended to include all limitations of original base claims 13 and dependent claim 16.

This amendment should place this case in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested. If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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